

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/694,057

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following amended title:

**APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING A PREFORM HAVING A SUPPORTING
COREAN INSTALLATION FOR MANUFACTURING OR BUILDING UP A PREFORM
AND PROVIDED WITH SUCH APPARATUS, METHODS IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH AN
INSTALLATION, AND A PREFORM MADE USING SUCH METHODS**

**Please replace the paragraph no. 7 (bridging pages 5 and 6) with the following
amended paragraph:**

The apparatus of the invention is described in detail with reference to Figure 1. As
depicted in Figure 1, the apparatus is designed to be mounted on a prior art installation for
manufacturing or building up a preform 1 having a central supporting core 2. In known manner,
the installation comprises at least rotation means 3 having a horizontal axis of rotation 4 and on
which the supporting core 2 of the preform 1 to be manufactured or built up is mounted, and
plasma-torch and material-supply means 5 disposed radially relative to said supporting core 2.
In known manner, the installation makes it possible for the plasma-torch and material-supply
means 5 to move in axial translation relative to and parallel to the supporting core 2 so as to
make the preform 1 around the supporting core 2.